Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

A good discussion has been initiated during the past two months on promoting the membership of women in CSI. An effort is also made by our active members to understand and to feel the necessity of having a forum (or association with like minded groups) for exchange of ideas and for forging pioneering so as to unleash the potential of women and drive their growth in IT/ITES sector.

We have 4581 women members and about 22,000 female student members on the rolls of CSI.

Empowering Women in IT

We have discovered a voluntary, not-for-profit forum that was initiated by senior women professionals of IT/ITES industry in the year 2006 with the key objectives of “Increasing the Share and Sustainability of Women in the IT/ITES industry” and is registered as eWIT. The forum has been very active in Chennai conducting various workshops, training programs, networking events and has earned a good repute in the IT/ITES sector.

eWIT can be accessed at www.ewit.co.in. On Sep 3rd, 2010, CSI entered into an agreement with eWIT. Both organizations focusing on IT professionals, synergizing through Collaboration is the right choice. The MOU provides for exchange and sharing of information & publications, mutual invitation and participation in each other’s events, joint organization of events and collaborative development of Research & Education activities.

CSI-eWIT event:
The first joint event has already happened at Anna University, Chennai on Sep 23 under the auspices of CSI-Division II and eWIT. The theme of the one day event was “Role of Stake Holders in Increasing the Share and Sustainability of Women from Tier-2, Tier-3 cities and Rural Areas in IT/ITES industry”. The program also consolidated inputs from women who work in these areas and address their expectations. The program was well attended with over 120 participants and turned out to be a huge success. This first step is a pointer for a large number of such joint efforts for the benefit of community. We welcome eWIT into CSI family and I am sure this will spur the growth and results achieved by both organizations. Our Education Directorate may be approached, with new initiatives so that similar activities could be organized in other chapters.

KLEF University Student Branch:

A new student Branch with 300 student members has been inaugurated by Shri K. Satyanarayana, Chancellor of the University on 15th September 2010 in KLEF university campus situated at Green Fields, Vaddeswaram (Near Vijayawada), which is in association with CSI Koneru chapter.

I congratulate Prof. Praveen Krishna, Student counselor, Prof. Krovi Rajasekhar, Koneru Chapter Chairman, Prof. K. Rajasekhara Rao, A.P.State Student Coordinator and Dr. DBV Sarma, RVPS for their excellent planning and organizing the event with the Participation of Industry, represented by Sri M Neelakanteshwar Rao, Deputy Manager ADP Limited as the key note speaker. It is timely that an effort is made to motivate students towards Management subjects with the involvement of Dr. G Prasada Rao Dean AMITY School of business, who had explained the audience the role of management in IT industry. It is time that our youth with engineering background need to be oriented on management subjects, so as to improve the quality of services/productivity and above all to improve the career growth of the individual. The inauguration has attracted several deans of the faculties lead by Prof. GL Dutta Vice chancellor of the University, who had stressed the importance of the CSI and advised students of the campus to become members of CSI.

KIEF fest in Kakinada

It has been a festival of Learning that was organized by the student Branch of Kakinada Institute of Engineering & Technology during the third week of September 2010. While the student chapter which has won best student Branch award, has organized several innovative programs, I am attracted by the presence of several mathematicians with expertise on Information Security. I am glad that Dr. C.R. Chakravarthy, Chairman, SIG (IS) is associated in developing programs at KIET. In order to promote research in Information Security areas, a research centre is announced at KIET in association with CSI. An MOU would be signed between CSI and KIET to that effect soon. While CSI provides the resource persons, KIET provides infrastructure and financial support for promoting Research. This model could be followed in other institutions depending on the expertise available at the corresponding Institute. We appreciate the efforts of Shri P. Viswam, Chairman, KIET, and Prof. Ramakrishna for making the fest, a memorable event for the couple of thousands who participated from all over Andhra Pradesh.

Lean Six Sigma programs for CSI Professionals:
The Indian IT Industry is reinventing itself today, to not only deliver better IT / ITES services and products, but also to deliver direct business value to its clients all over the world. Computer Society of India have taken a lead to enable the industry in this direction, by launching advanced management and leadership certification programs on Lean Six Sigma for corporates, professionals, faculty and students. After a thorough evaluation, we have partnered with KINDUZ Consulting: (http://www.kinduz.com), to train and mentor our corporates, professionals, faculty and students at affordable costs. The pilot programs in Hyderabad and Delhi Chapters have been very successful. Recent programs in Mumbai and Bengaluru chapters have generated a lot of interest and positive feedback from the industry. Keeping these in view, we have decided to take these programs national and have recently signed the MOU with KINDUZ Consulting. CSI chapters may approach our Education Directorate.

This is one of the many ways we can make India more competitive in the global market, and I look forward for CSI delivering even more value to the Indian industry way into the future.

Prof. P Thrimurthy
President, Computer Society of India